

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KAWAZU *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/521,596

§ 371 Date: June 9, 2005

For: **Nucleic Acids Encoding Mirafiori
Lettuce Viral Proteins and
Utilization Thereof**

Confirmation No.: 4564

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Mehta, A.D.

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated **July 11, 2007**, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-16, 18, 20 and 21, drawn to a first product, a nucleic acid that encodes the coat protein of Mirafiori lettuce virus; a vector, transformed cell or transformed plant comprising said nucleic acid; and a first method for producing said coat protein, comprising culturing said transformed cell. This election is made **without traverse**.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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